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FOND DU LAC COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY HEALTH SURVEY TO BE CONDUCTED

The Fond du Lac County Health Department, Agnesian HealthCare, a member of SSM Health, Fond du Lac Area United Way, and several others as part of the Healthy Fond du Lac County Initiative are working in partnership to conduct a community health survey beginning August 5, 2020. The survey will supplement a prior community health assessment conducted in 2017 with updated data and the ability to analyze trends over time.

The survey will provide valuable data for continued evaluation of community health needs and help guide government, not-for-profit and volunteer organizations as they fashion services to meet the most pressing needs of the community. A random selection of 2,000 county addresses will be mailed the survey between August and September. A household resident over the age of 18 will be asked to complete the community health survey online or return a completed paper copy of the survey in the mail.

"If you are among those who receive a survey, I encourage you to take the time to answer the questions about the health needs in our county," said Kim Mueller, Fond du Lac County Health Officer. "Your responses are invaluable to this project and help inform a community health assessment which serves as the basis for identifying health priorities to focus on and ways to improve the quality of life for community residents."

The survey focuses on issues such as access to health care, physical activity, nutrition, food security, tobacco use, alcohol use, heart health, injury prevention, mental health and chronic disease. The survey responses will be completely confidential.

Fond du Lac County Community Health Survey

The survey will take about 15 minutes to complete. It will be conducted by JKV Research LLC., an



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independent research firm that specializes in community surveys.

The results will be released early next year and are one source of data that informs the 2020-21 Community Health Assessment. Previous reports are posted on the Health Department page of the Fond du Lac County website, www.fdlco.wi.gov.

Community health surveys are aimed at meeting several objectives:

- Identifying local health behaviors or risk factors that present opportunities for health promotion and health care cost reduction.
- Tracking the success of community health improvement activities.
- Gathering local data to assess health status related to the health priorities established by the state health plan.

These surveys allow community health partners to track population health indicators to help guide health improvement efforts.

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